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*Michael B. Kingsley vs.
Lisa Josvai, et al.*

*Deposition of FRITZ DEGNER
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<p>IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN = = = = = MICHAEL B. KINGSLEY, Plaintiff, -vs- Civil Action No. 10-CV-832 LISA JOSVAI, PATRICIA FISH, ROBERT CONROY, STAN HENDRICKSON, FRITZ DEGNER, and KARL BLANTON, Defendants. = = = = =</p> <p>Deposition of: FRITZ DEGNER Sparta, Wisconsin August 21, 2012</p> <p>Reported by: Rowan L. Bright, RPR, CRR, CLR</p>	<p>Deposition of FRITZ DEGNER - 8/21/12 Page 3 1 DEPOSITION of FRITZ DEGNER, a witness of lawful 2 age, taken on behalf of the Plaintiff, wherein 3 Michael Kingsley is the Plaintiff and Lisa Josvai, 4 Patricia Fish, Robert Conroy, Stan Hendrickson, 5 Fritz Degner and Karl Blanton are the Defendants, 6 pending in the United States District Court for the 7 Western District of Wisconsin, pursuant to Notice, 8 before Rowan L. Bright, a Registered Professional 9 Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of 10 Wisconsin, at the Best Western, 445 Theater Road, in 11 the City of Sparta, County of Monroe, and State of 12 Wisconsin, on the 21st day of August, 2012, 13 commencing at 2:06 in the afternoon. 14 A P P E A R A N C E S 15 EDWARD J. PARDON and JOEL F. GRAHAM, Attorneys 16 MERCHANT & GOULD, Ten East Doty Street, Suite 600, Madison, Wisconsin 53703-3376, appearing on behalf of the Plaintiff. (608) 280-6750 epardon@merchantgould.com 19 ANDREW A. JONES, Attorney WHYTE HIRSCHBOECK DUDEK, S.C., 555 East Wells Street, Suite 1900, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-3819, appearing on behalf of the Defendants. (414) 978-5445 ajones@whdlaw.com 22 23 24 25</p>
<p>Deposition of FRITZ DEGNER - 8/21/12</p> <p>1 I N D E X 2 WITNESS Page(s) 3 FRITZ DEGNER 4 Examination by Mr. Pardon 4 5 6 7 E X H I B I T S 8 No. Description Identified 9 Exh 47 Map of Monroe County Jail (Confidential exhibit) 11 10 Exh 48 Incident report 5/21/10 46 11 Exh 49 TASER use report 78 12 Exh 50 Written disciplinary action (Confidential exhibit) 86 13 14 15 (Attached to the original transcript and copies provided to all counsel) 16 17 18 (Original transcript filed with Attorney Pardon and copy provided to Attorney Jones) 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p>	<p>Deposition of FRITZ DEGNER - 8/21/12 Page 4 1 FRITZ DEGNER, 2 called as a witness, being first duly 3 sworn, testified on oath as follows: 4 EXAMINATION 5 By Mr. Pardon: 6 Q Could you state your name, please. 7 A Fritz A. Degner. 8 Q Mr. Degner, what is your current employment 9 situation? 10 A Deputy sheriff for Monroe County. 11 Q How long have you been a deputy sheriff for 12 Monroe County? 13 A Well, I've been a police officer for almost 14 21 years. 15 Q I'll ask you about your employment history. You 16 can work forwards or backwards, however you like. 17 Why don't you go backwards. You're presently 18 with -- 19 A I'm presently with Monroe County. I've been 20 working there full-time since May of 2002. Prior 21 to that I worked part-time for the 22 sheriff's department starting in July of 1992. 23 I -- 24 Q The -- I'm sorry. Go ahead. 25 A And my prior employment was with the Sparta Police</p>

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<p>1 Department from May of 2002 until -- I was 2 originally hired there in September of 1991. 3 Q Prior to 1991, do you have any experience in law 4 enforcement? 5 A No, just schooling. 6 Q Is that when you graduated from school? 7 A Yes. 8 Q What is the highest level of education obtained 9 that you have? 10 A I have a two-year Associate's Degree in police 11 science. 12 Q When did you obtain that? 13 A May of 1991. Prior to that I was studying 14 microbiology at UW-La Crosse. 15 Q Do you have any military experience? 16 A Very short-term. 17 Q What was that? 18 A I had gone in in December of 1983, left for basic 19 training in June of 1984 and developed diabetes 20 while I was in boot camp and they said, "See ya." 21 Q What was your employment between 1984 to 1991? 22 A I was a high school student until August of '85. 23 I worked as a -- worked in a used book store and 24 hobby shop. I was a movie theater supervisor out 25 at Fort McCoy for a summer. I was a ticket seller</p>		<p>1 A Yes. 2 Q And that's why you're testifying in this 3 deposition here today; correct? 4 A Correct. 5 Q Are you aware that that lawsuit concerns some 6 actions that occurred when Mr. Kingsley was moved 7 from a cell that he was in in Monroe County Jail 8 to a receiving cell on the morning of May 21, 9 2010? 10 A Correct. 11 Q Can I refer to that as "the incident in question" 12 throughout this deposition? When I say "the 13 incident in question," I'm referring to when 14 Mr. Kingsley was moved from his cell to the 15 receiving cell. 16 A Yes. 17 Q If we need to be more specific, we can be. 18 A Sure. 19 Q But just so I can generally refer to the incident, 20 we have that understanding? 21 A Yes. 22 Q On the day of the incident in question, were you a 23 deputy sheriff for Monroe County? 24 A Yes, I was. 25 Q I'll get back to that in a second. Have you ever</p>	
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<p>1 out at Fort McCoy for a summer for the movie 2 theater, and I worked -- all of these were 3 part-time jobs -- and then worked at the PX on a 4 part-time basis as well out there. 5 Q Since you've been a deputy sheriff with 6 Monroe County since May of 2002, have your job 7 duties changed? 8 A What do you mean by -- 9 Q Have you held different positions working for 10 Monroe County -- 11 A Yes. 12 Q -- since 2002? 13 A I did a six-month period where I served as a 14 bailiff for Branch 2. 15 Q When was that? 16 A 2010. 17 Q You're aware that -- I'm sorry. What are your 18 duties as a deputy sheriff for Monroe County? 19 A Well, I investigate complaints as they're given to 20 me, enforce all traffic activity -- traffic 21 violations, criminal activities and such and 22 direct the patrol. 23 Q You're aware that you're a defendant in a lawsuit 24 involving Michael Kingsley and yourself and 25 several other employees of Monroe County; correct?</p>		<p>1 testified in a deposition before? 2 A No, I have not. 3 Q Have you ever testified at a trial or a court 4 hearing before? 5 A Yes, I have. 6 Q About how many times? 7 A I don't honestly know. 8 Q Do you have a rough idea? Are we talking 9 five times or a hundred times? 10 A Maybe a hundred times. 11 Q I'm getting ahead of myself. Just to back up, if 12 you haven't testified at a deposition before, the 13 procedure's fairly simple. I'll ask you 14 questions. You're under oath. If you don't 15 understand any of my questions, make sure you ask 16 me to clarify it. From time to time, your 17 attorney might object. You're still required to 18 answer the question, unless your attorney 19 instructs you not to answer the question. 20 A Okay. 21 Q You then said you testified, you weren't sure, but 22 maybe a hundred times in a court and/or at court 23 hearing. Have you ever testified at a trial or a 24 court hearing for a matter that did not concern 25 your employment as a law enforcement officer?</p>	

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<p>1 A I guess I don't understand. As far as --</p> <p>2 Q Well --</p> <p>3 A Go ahead. Go ahead and clarify.</p> <p>4 Q I imagine as a law enforcement officer you've been</p> <p>5 called to testify about events that you've</p> <p>6 witnessed in the course of your job duties many</p> <p>7 times?</p> <p>8 A Right.</p> <p>9 Q Have you ever testified about the events related</p> <p>10 to your personal life or matters that were not</p> <p>11 related to -- that did not occur in the course of</p> <p>12 your job duties?</p> <p>13 A No.</p> <p>14 Q What did you do to prepare for this deposition</p> <p>15 today?</p> <p>16 A Reviewed notes -- not notes, but I reviewed my</p> <p>17 report. I reviewed video from the incident date,</p> <p>18 looked at my -- the TASER report that I compiled</p> <p>19 the day of the incident and, obviously, prepared</p> <p>20 with the attorney.</p> <p>21 Q About how much time did you spend preparing?</p> <p>22 A Four or five hours.</p> <p>23 Q In addition to your report of the incident, did</p> <p>24 you review anyone else's report of the incident?</p> <p>25 A No, I did not.</p>		<p>1 Q Do you recognize this as a map of a portion of the</p> <p>2 Monroe County Jail?</p> <p>3 A That's what it appears to be.</p> <p>4 Q Do you see an area that has been marked with an</p> <p>5 "R" on that map?</p> <p>6 MR. JONES: Just for the record,</p> <p>7 Counsel, it's hard to see where the "R" is.</p> <p>8 I know where it's supposed to be, but even I</p> <p>9 can't see an "R."</p> <p>10 MR. PARDON: All right. Well, what</p> <p>11 I'm going to do, so we don't have a mucked up</p> <p>12 record, is I'll give you another copy. I</p> <p>13 have written on portions of it in pen on the</p> <p>14 lower right, DX 17 and DX 38.</p> <p>15 (Exhibit No. 47 marked</p> <p>16 for identification)</p> <p>17 Q I'm going to hand you what's been marked as</p> <p>18 Exhibit 47. I'm also going to hand you a pencil.</p> <p>19 I'm going to ask you if you can just draw an arrow</p> <p>20 pointing at what you're referring to as the</p> <p>21 holding cell where Mr. Kingsley was brought into</p> <p>22 on the morning of the incident in question. You</p> <p>23 can start from the side of the exhibit and draw it</p> <p>24 into the black box into the area of -- somewhere</p> <p>25 you can point to that and you can describe the</p>	
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<p>1 Q Do you recall specifically what videos you looked</p> <p>2 at, video or videos you looked at in preparation?</p> <p>3 A They had -- there was one that showed the cell</p> <p>4 block area. Then there was one that showed the</p> <p>5 hallway. I didn't completely watch through the</p> <p>6 hallway area. Then there was the receiving --</p> <p>7 holding cell. They change the names on us. So if</p> <p>8 I -- I may mess up what the terminology is.</p> <p>9 Q Okay.</p> <p>10 A I guess they refer to it as a holding cell.</p> <p>11 Q Is that also referred to as the receiving cell</p> <p>12 sometimes?</p> <p>13 A When I first started law enforcement, the cell</p> <p>14 that's out in our booking area was always the</p> <p>15 receiving cell and all the rest of them are the</p> <p>16 holding cells. They've changed the name before.</p> <p>17 I don't know. I don't remember exactly. But</p> <p>18 anyway, the video from the holding cell area where</p> <p>19 it showed Mr. Kingsley was brought in, and then</p> <p>20 the video showing down into the -- into the</p> <p>21 holding cell there.</p> <p>22 Q Just so we're clear, you've been handed what's</p> <p>23 been marked both as Deposition Exhibit 38 as well</p> <p>24 as Deposition Exhibit 17.</p> <p>25 A Yes.</p>		<p>1 area where he was brought. Why don't you make a</p> <p>2 star in that area.</p> <p>3 A Okay. (Indicating).</p> <p>4 Q You're referring to those as a holding cell?</p> <p>5 A That's what I've always known them as.</p> <p>6 Q If I refer to that during this deposition as a</p> <p>7 receiving cell, can we have the understanding that</p> <p>8 we're talking about the same area that you've</p> <p>9 marked with a star? Is that okay?</p> <p>10 MR. JONES: That's fine. I'll just</p> <p>11 make a note for the record. Again, I don't</p> <p>12 want to testify --</p> <p>13 MR. PARDON: That's fine.</p> <p>14 MR. JONES: Everyone has referred</p> <p>15 to that area as the receiving cells.</p> <p>16 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>17 MR. JONES: So we've all become</p> <p>18 accustomed to referring to that as the</p> <p>19 receiving cells.</p> <p>20 Q And that's why.</p> <p>21 A No problem.</p> <p>22 Q That's fine. You can set that aside for now.</p> <p>23 MR. PARDON: Apparently I referred</p> <p>24 to this as Defendant's Deposition Exhibit and</p> <p>25 I should have referred to this as Plaintiff's</p>	

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<p>1 Exhibit. If I refer to anything in this 2 deposition as Defendant's Exhibit, I probably 3 meant to refer to it as Plaintiff's Exhibit.</p> <p>4 Q Is it my understanding that you were called to the 5 Monroe County Jail to assist with moving 6 Mr. Kingsley from his cell to a receiving cell on 7 the morning of the incident in question; is that 8 correct?</p> <p>9 A That's correct.</p> <p>10 Q What do you recall about that morning, beginning 11 from the beginning, like when you were first 12 called? I'll ask you a different question. When 13 did somebody call you?</p> <p>14 A I don't know exactly what time it was. It was 15 late in the morning, early in the morning, late in 16 our shift, towards the end of our shift.</p> <p>17 Q So were you working a night shift?</p> <p>18 A Yes, I was.</p> <p>19 Q What shift were you working? What were the hours?</p> <p>20 A 11:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>21 Q So what were you told when you were asked to come 22 to the jail?</p> <p>23 A If I recall, the dispatcher just said to report to 24 the jail. They needed assistance.</p> <p>25 Q Once you got to the jail, who did you talk to?</p>		<p>1 this."</p> <p>2 Q I'm going to back up for a second and go back to 3 prior to your walking down the cell block to the 4 cell where Mr. Kingsley was in. Did you have a 5 conversation with the jailers regarding why 6 Mr. Kingsley was causing a problem in the jail?</p> <p>7 Did you have an understanding of what the problem 8 was?</p> <p>9 A I did at that time. I don't recall what it was at 10 this point in time.</p> <p>11 Q Do you recall whether it involved his refusing to 12 take a paper off of a light in his cell?</p> <p>13 A That could be.</p> <p>14 Q You don't recall?</p> <p>15 A I don't recall.</p> <p>16 Q Prior to walking down into the cell area with the 17 other officers, did you have a discussion about 18 which officers were going to undertake certain 19 roles in the process of talking to Mr. Kingsley?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q What was the discussion, and what was decided?</p> <p>22 A It was my understanding that Sergeant Hendrickson 23 and Deputy Blanton were going to be the ones who 24 had physical contact with him. I was going to 25 cover with the TASER in case he became violent,</p>	
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<p>1 A I believe it would be Sergeant -- 2 Lieutenant Hendrickson now -- said at the time 3 they needed assistance moving the inmate from the 4 cell block to the receiving cells.</p> <p>5 Q What happened next?</p> <p>6 A We went back to -- went down the hallway to the 7 cell block. I believe everybody was already 8 locked down at that point in time. They opened up 9 the door. Sergeant Hendrickson, Karl Blanton and 10 myself went in originally. And then 11 Sergeant Shisler and Lieutenant Conroy would have 12 come down.</p> <p>13 Then at that point in time, they were trying 14 to convince Mr. Kingsley to come back up to the -- 15 the opening in the door so handcuffs could be 16 placed on him. He refused to do it. They tried a 17 number of -- tried to convince him to comply with 18 the order.</p> <p>19 Mr. Kingsley was trying to -- basically he 20 was trying to dictate the way that things were 21 going to go; because I remember at one point I 22 told him, you know, "You're not in a position -- 23 that's not how this works. You do what we tell 24 you to do, and then we in turn do what you'd like 25 to do. You're not in the position to control</p>		<p>1 and I'm not sure exactly what discussion was had 2 at that point in time, what Sergeant Shisler or 3 Lieutenant Conroy were going to handle.</p> <p>4 Q What does it mean to cover with a TASER? What 5 does that role entail?</p> <p>6 A From my perspective as a road officer, that means 7 while one officer is -- it's known as a contact 8 cover principle. One officer is in contact with 9 the subject. The other officer is covering them 10 to make sure that -- watching the hands, watching 11 their demeanor and how they're acting to be able 12 to intervene quickly in case something happens 13 within the contact.</p> <p>14 Q Does covering with the TASER entail letting the 15 subject know that you are ready to use the TASER, 16 if necessary?</p> <p>17 A It can mean that, yes.</p> <p>18 Q So when you walked down to the cell that 19 Mr. Kingsley was in with the other officers that 20 morning, do you recall whether you or anyone else 21 let Mr. Kingsley know that it was possible the 22 TASER could be used on him if he wasn't 23 cooperative?</p> <p>24 A Yes, I did.</p> <p>25 Q Was it you who let him know that?</p>	

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<p>1 A I would have said that.</p> <p>2 Q How do you recall what you said?</p> <p>3 A I don't recall exactly what was said, as far as</p> <p>4 how it was said or anything like that. He would</p> <p>5 have just been warned that if he didn't comply, he</p> <p>6 could be TASE'd or will be TASE'd.</p> <p>7 Q Do you recall who walked into the cell first?</p> <p>8 A No, I don't. I think it was Sergeant Hendrickson.</p> <p>9 Q I asked a bad question. I want to back up in time</p> <p>10 a little bit. Do you recall specifically what</p> <p>11 Sergeant Hendrickson or anyone else said to</p> <p>12 Mr. Kingsley before the officers entered the cell</p> <p>13 block?</p> <p>14 A Exactly what was said, no.</p> <p>15 Q Okay.</p> <p>16 A The gist of what was said was to get him to comply</p> <p>17 and come to the door so he could be handcuffed so</p> <p>18 we could move him.</p> <p>19 Q Do you recall whether Mr. Kingsley complied?</p> <p>20 A No, he did not.</p> <p>21 Q Do you recall what Mr. Kingsley did when he wasn't</p> <p>22 complying?</p> <p>23 A Laid there on his bed.</p> <p>24 Q Did he say anything?</p> <p>25 A He was argumentative, back with -- everything that</p>		<p>1 A Correct.</p> <p>2 Q What happened after officers entered the cell?</p> <p>3 A They -- I don't remember if Mr. Kingsley was laid</p> <p>4 on his back or if he was laying on his stomach at</p> <p>5 the time. I know they had to -- they would have</p> <p>6 had to have him on his stomach to handcuff him.</p> <p>7 Sergeant Hendrickson and Deputy Blanton went in</p> <p>8 and handcuffed him; and during that time, I</p> <p>9 stepped into the doorway of the cell and was</p> <p>10 prepared, if he started fighting with them, to use</p> <p>11 the TASER at that time.</p> <p>12 Q Do you recall whether you thought you might have</p> <p>13 to use the TASER at that time?</p> <p>14 A Can you ask that again?</p> <p>15 Q Yes. At any point when you were in the cell, did</p> <p>16 you feel that there was a high probability that</p> <p>17 you would have to use the TASER in the cell?</p> <p>18 MR. JONES: Just to clarify, we're</p> <p>19 still in the cell, his original cell in the</p> <p>20 cell block?</p> <p>21 MR. PARDON: We are still in the</p> <p>22 original cell in the cell block, not the</p> <p>23 receiving or the holding cell.</p> <p>24 A I would say -- well, yes, because I was prepared</p> <p>25 to use it at any point in time, should something</p>	
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<p>1 he was told to do, he had an argument against,</p> <p>2 that kind of thing. I do know when I had told him</p> <p>3 that if he didn't comply he could be TASE'd, he</p> <p>4 said, "If I get TASE'd, I'm going to sue you."</p> <p>5 Q Did Mr. Kingsley make any threats to use physical</p> <p>6 violence against any of the staff during this</p> <p>7 time?</p> <p>8 A I don't recall that.</p> <p>9 Q You don't recall or --</p> <p>10 A I don't recall that he did. Sorry.</p> <p>11 Q So you don't recall any specific statements by him</p> <p>12 making any physical threats?</p> <p>13 A Correct.</p> <p>14 MR. JONES: Just a reminder. Make</p> <p>15 sure you wait until he's done with the</p> <p>16 question before you answer, even if you know</p> <p>17 what he's asking you. It makes a clearer</p> <p>18 record.</p> <p>19 THE WITNESS: Sure.</p> <p>20 Q So then officers entered the cell?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 Q I'm going to back up again. I apologize. Did</p> <p>23 Lieutenant Conroy say anything to him?</p> <p>24 A I don't know if he did or not.</p> <p>25 Q Then officers entered the cell; correct?</p>		<p>1 happen. When you're dealing with a potentially</p> <p>2 volatile situation, you don't know when that's</p> <p>3 going to happen. So whether I thought I was going</p> <p>4 to have to use it or not, no, I didn't think about</p> <p>5 whether I was going to have to use it. I was just</p> <p>6 prepared to use it, if it was necessary to use it.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. I understand. Did you witness any of the</p> <p>8 other officers putting the handcuffs on</p> <p>9 Mr. Kingsley?</p> <p>10 A I didn't watch them putting the handcuffs on him.</p> <p>11 Q Do you know who put the handcuffs on?</p> <p>12 A No, I don't.</p> <p>13 Q So it would be fair to say you didn't see anybody</p> <p>14 put the handcuffs on Mr. Kingsley when he was in</p> <p>15 the cell; correct? I just want to make sure I</p> <p>16 understand.</p> <p>17 A Correct.</p> <p>18 Q Did you see Mr. Kingsley exhibiting any active or</p> <p>19 passive resistance when he was in the cell?</p> <p>20 A Passive resistance.</p> <p>21 Q In what way?</p> <p>22 A Not complying with the lawful orders he was told</p> <p>23 to do.</p> <p>24 Q Okay.</p> <p>25 A When he was being handcuffed, he was actively</p>	

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<p>1 resisting. I know that because they had to tell 2 him to relax so they could put the handcuffs on 3 him and he was not providing them with placing his 4 hands behind his back like he was told to do. He 5 had to physically maneuver his arms to put the 6 handcuffs on him.</p> <p>7 Q What's the basis of your testimony, that they have 8 to physically move his arms?</p> <p>9 A Because they were telling him to relax and let 10 them put the handcuffs on him.</p> <p>11 Q So it's based on your -- what you heard them say; 12 correct?</p> <p>13 A Correct.</p> <p>14 Q It's not based on what you saw; correct?</p> <p>15 A At that point in time, correct.</p> <p>16 Q Then what happened after the handcuffs were placed 17 on Mr. Kingsley?</p> <p>18 A He was told to stand up.</p> <p>19 Q Did he stand up?</p> <p>20 A No.</p> <p>21 Q How did he get out of the bunk and into the cell?</p> <p>22 A Into the walkway?</p> <p>23 Q Into the walkway.</p> <p>24 A He was physically picked up.</p> <p>25 Q Do you recall who physically picked him up?</p>		<p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 Q Then what happened after that?</p> <p>3 A Then he was laid down on the floor in the hallway.</p> <p>4 Q Then what happened?</p> <p>5 A He was complaining about having some pain in his 6 foot. When he was asked about what foot, what 7 hurt, he basically didn't say -- he wouldn't tell 8 anybody what it was. He complained about it, but 9 he wouldn't tell anybody what foot hurt or where 10 it hurt or anything like that.</p> <p>11 Q Okay.</p> <p>12 A So then it was -- well, since he's not going to 13 help us help him, we picked him up. And at that 14 time it would have been Sergeant Hendrickson, 15 Deputy Blanton, Sergeant Shisler, and I believe 16 Lieutenant Conroy picked him up and carried him 17 into the receiving cell.</p> <p>18 Q Do you recall --</p> <p>19 A And I followed behind them.</p> <p>20 Q Do you recall where the officers were in relation 21 to his arms or legs?</p> <p>22 A No, not off the top of my head, I don't.</p> <p>23 Q When you identified officers who carried him, is 24 that based on what you actually recall or is that 25 based on your reading from the reports?</p>	
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<p>1 A It was Sergeant Hendrickson and Deputy Blanton who 2 picked him up.</p> <p>3 Q Where were you during this time?</p> <p>4 A I was standing at the doorway looking into the 5 cell block -- into the cell.</p> <p>6 Q Then what happened? Where was he carried after 7 that?</p> <p>8 A Well, he was told to put his feet down.</p> <p>9 Q Okay.</p> <p>10 A And he refused to, so they carried him out into 11 the walkway and then carried him out into the main 12 hallway in the jail.</p> <p>13 Q Did he make any threats to use physical violence 14 during that time when he was carried from the bunk 15 out into the walkway?</p> <p>16 A Not that I recall, no.</p> <p>17 Q Did he exhibit any active resistance at that time?</p> <p>18 MR. JONES: Which point in time are 19 we talking about?</p> <p>20 MR. PARDON: Good question. Thank 21 you.</p> <p>22 Q When he was carried from the bunk to the point he 23 was out -- from the point he was removed from the 24 bunk to the point he was carried out into the 25 hallway outside the cell door.</p>		<p>1 A No. That, I actually recall.</p> <p>2 Q Where did they carry him from there?</p> <p>3 A Carried him from the hallway floor to the 4 receiving cell and placed him on the, for lack of 5 a better term, bed, the concrete slab that's in 6 the receiving cell.</p> <p>7 Q I'm going to ask you about the process of going 8 from the cell to the receiving cell. Do you know 9 approximately how far he would have been carried?</p> <p>10 A Can I look at that?</p> <p>11 Q Yes, of course. You're looking at Exhibit 47.</p> <p>12 A All told, maybe 50 feet.</p> <p>13 Q Did Mr. Kingsley make any threats to harm anyone 14 while he was being carried from outside his cell 15 to the receiving cell?</p> <p>16 MR. JONES: Object to the form. 17 You can answer.</p> <p>18 A Not that I recall, as far as -- I don't remember. 19 The only thing I remember him saying was 20 complaining about his foot.</p> <p>21 Q Did Mr. Kingsley exhibit any active resistance 22 from the time he was carried -- during the process 23 of being carried from the hallway outside of his 24 cell up until he got to the receiving cell that 25 you're aware of?</p>	

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<p>1 A Ask that again, please.</p> <p>2 Q Sure. I'll ask it differently, so pay attention.</p> <p>3 I'll ask a better question, I hope.</p> <p>4 A Okay.</p> <p>5 Q Did you observe Mr. Kingsley exhibit any active resistance during the process of carrying him from the hallway outside of his cell up to the receiving cell?</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q Did you observe Mr. Kingsley exhibiting any passive resistance from the time he was carried outside of his cell to the receiving cell -- up to the receiving cell?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q What was the passive resistance you observed?</p> <p>10 A He wouldn't get up and walk.</p> <p>11 Q So he wasn't following the orders?</p> <p>12 A He wasn't following what he was told to do.</p> <p>13 Q Just so we're clear, when I say "Did you observe any active resistance," what do you understand the term "active resistance" to mean?</p> <p>14 A As far as active resistance, it would be where he's struggling, where he's not allowing us to maintain control of him, things along those lines.</p> <p>15 Q So would it be fair to say that from the time he</p>		<p>1 incident in question, what is the line of authority in terms of, do the jail employees have authority over the actions of a road deputy acting in the jail?</p> <p>2 A We usually defer that to them because we're -- we're in their side. We don't know all the ins and outs of how they handle or deal with inmates and such on a day-to-day basis. So when it comes time for us to come off the road and assist in the jail, usually whoever is the most senior or whoever the supervisor is in the jail would be the one who tells us how they want things done.</p> <p>3 I do know of other instances where we've had other people who have taken over, but they're former jail employees who know things, know how the operation is.</p> <p>4 Q You mean you do know of instances where road deputies have taken over?</p> <p>5 A Correct.</p> <p>6 Q But they are former jail employees?</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q Going back then to when Mr. Kingsley and the other officers reached this receiving cell, what did you observe happen then?</p> <p>9 A Well, there was some maneuvering, having to</p>	
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<p>1 was carried from outside the cell door in the hallway up to the point of the receiving cell that he was allowing the officers to carry him?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q Do you have an understanding of why he was taken to the receiving cell?</p> <p>4 A I think you asked that before. As far as the reason --</p> <p>5 Q Yes.</p> <p>6 A -- behind it, I don't know, other than what you've told me.</p> <p>7 Q Now, who was in charge of the process of moving him outside of his cell down to the receiving cell?</p> <p>8 A I'm not exactly certain. It was either Sergeant Hendrickson or Lieutenant Conroy.</p> <p>9 Q I want to back up again. You're a road deputy, meaning you were not a jail employee, per se, at the time of the incident in question; right?</p> <p>10 A That's correct.</p> <p>11 Q Sergeant Shisler, I believe, was also a road deputy; is that correct?</p> <p>12 A Yes, it is.</p> <p>13 Q When road deputies such as yourself have to go to the jail to help with an incident such as the</p>		<p>1 shuffle positions, because the doorway's not wide enough to go three wide through.</p> <p>2 Q Okay. So --</p> <p>3 A There was some rearranging of some positions. I know Lieutenant Conroy ended up hanging onto Mr. Kingsley. Sergeant Shisler, who had one of his legs, ended up still with both the legs once they were inside the cell and he was on the bed. I believe originally Sergeant Hendrickson was at the midsection and Deputy Blanton was at the head. And I wasn't even in the cell at that time.</p> <p>4 Q Okay.</p> <p>5 A So -- and then Lieutenant Conroy had stepped back into the doorway there.</p> <p>6 Q Let me back up again. So he was carried into the door; and as this shifting of positions of the officers was going on, he was placed onto the bunk, I guess you would call it?</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q Is that correct?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q Where is the bunk in relation to the door?</p> <p>11 A You've got the doorway, and the bunk is off to the left side of the door.</p> <p>12 Q As you enter the receiving cell from the hallway,</p>	

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<p>1 the bunk is to the left; is that correct?</p> <p>2 A Correct.</p> <p>3 Q As the officers were shifting and as Mr. Kingsley</p> <p>4 was placed onto the bunk, where were you then?</p> <p>5 A I was out in the hallway still.</p> <p>6 Q What happened after that?</p> <p>7 A Lieutenant Conroy stepped out of the way. I don't</p> <p>8 remember if I was -- if I was already in the cell</p> <p>9 at the time before Sergeant Hendrickson and</p> <p>10 Deputy Blanton switched positions. I believe that</p> <p>11 was done because Deputy Blanton was the one who</p> <p>12 was going to remove the handcuffs from him.</p> <p>13 Q Okay.</p> <p>14 A He had the handcuff key. And so then</p> <p>15 Sergeant Hendrickson went to the head and</p> <p>16 shoulders area. Deputy Blanton was in the</p> <p>17 midsection, and Sergeant Shisler was on the legs.</p> <p>18 I was in the upper area, I guess, between</p> <p>19 Sergeant Hendrickson and Deputy Blanton.</p> <p>20 Q What happened after that, after that shifting</p> <p>21 occurred and you moved up to the head area?</p> <p>22 A That's when they were trying to remove the</p> <p>23 handcuffs from him.</p> <p>24 Q Were people speaking to Mr. Kingsley?</p> <p>25 A Yes.</p>		<p>1 concentrate and follow along given that more than</p> <p>2 one officer was talking?</p> <p>3 A Possibly.</p> <p>4 Q Now, did you observe any passive resistance on</p> <p>5 Mr. Kingsley's part during the time that the</p> <p>6 officers were telling him "Stop resisting"?</p> <p>7 A Not at that point in time.</p> <p>8 MR. JONES: I'm just going to make</p> <p>9 sure we're clear. We're now solidly in the</p> <p>10 receiving cell?</p> <p>11 MR. PARDON: That's what I'm</p> <p>12 talking about. We're now solidly in the</p> <p>13 receiving cell, and Deputy Degner has moved</p> <p>14 up to the point where he's in between</p> <p>15 Sergeant Hendrickson and Deputy Blanton.</p> <p>16 Q Do you understand that that's what I'm talking</p> <p>17 about?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q Did you observe any passive resistance from</p> <p>20 Mr. Kingsley at that time?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 Q Did you observe any active resistance from</p> <p>23 Mr. Kingsley at that time?</p> <p>24 A Yes.</p> <p>25 Q What active resistance did you see from</p>	
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<p>1 Q What were --</p> <p>2 A Telling him to relax, quit pulling on handcuffs,</p> <p>3 quit resisting.</p> <p>4 Q Who was saying that?</p> <p>5 A Sergeant Hendrickson was saying it. I believe I</p> <p>6 said things, as well as -- along the same lines,</p> <p>7 and I believe Deputy Blanton was saying the same</p> <p>8 thing.</p> <p>9 Q Did Sergeant Shisler say anything that you recall?</p> <p>10 A I don't recall.</p> <p>11 Q Is it routine in a situation such as this one for</p> <p>12 more than one officer to give instructions to a</p> <p>13 subject?</p> <p>14 A I don't know if it's routine. It happens.</p> <p>15 Q Are officers trained that it's better if one</p> <p>16 officer does the primary talking with the subject?</p> <p>17 A It depends upon the training or if they have</p> <p>18 received advanced training.</p> <p>19 Q Is it your understanding that that is a preferable</p> <p>20 way to proceed?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 Q Why is it a preferable way to proceed?</p> <p>23 A Because when more than one person's talking, it's</p> <p>24 hard to concentrate and follow along, basically.</p> <p>25 Q Could it have been difficult for Mr. Kingsley to</p>		<p>1 Mr. Kingsley at that time?</p> <p>2 A He was -- he was moving his shoulders around.</p> <p>3 He -- at one point he had his head up, and I don't</p> <p>4 know what he was trying to do with his head.</p> <p>5 He -- obviously since there were multiple of us</p> <p>6 telling him to stop resisting and to relax so we</p> <p>7 could take the handcuffs off, what he was doing,</p> <p>8 one of the things I did notice, is he was growling</p> <p>9 like an animal. It sounded like a bear growling.</p> <p>10 He was pulling on the handcuffs like he was trying</p> <p>11 to break them, is the impression that it gave me.</p> <p>12 Q By pulling on the handcuffs like he was trying to</p> <p>13 break them, what do you mean?</p> <p>14 A His hands were behind his back (indicating), and</p> <p>15 he's physically pulling against the chain.</p> <p>16 Normally on a compliant, non-resistive person, the</p> <p>17 chain would have play in it and it would be fairly</p> <p>18 easy to manipulate the handcuffs together. In</p> <p>19 this case, it was not. He was pulling on the</p> <p>20 chain so tight that Deputy Blanton couldn't take</p> <p>21 the handcuffs off.</p> <p>22 Q By pulling on the chain so tightly, do you mean</p> <p>23 that he was moving his arms and wrists apart, like</p> <p>24 apart from one another?</p> <p>25 A Right, the back of the hands which, I believe --</p>	

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<p>1 the way he should have been handcuffed was back of 2 the hand to the back of the hand, and he was 3 trying to bring his hands to the front of his body 4 by pulling them in opposite directions.</p> <p>5 Q Did you hear Mr. Kingsley make any physical -- 6 threats of physical violence towards anybody in 7 the cell at that time?</p> <p>8 A No, I didn't.</p> <p>9 Q What happened next?</p> <p>10 A Somewhere's in there amongst all the telling him 11 to relax and such, that's when 12 Sergeant Hendrickson told me to TASE him.</p> <p>13 Q Prior to the time where Sergeant Hendrickson told 14 you to TASE him, did you have the TASER on?</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q What do you do when you turn the TASER on?</p> <p>17 A Well, before I turn the TASER on, the TASER has 18 what's known as an air cartridge on it. It would 19 shoot out probes. I remove that from the TASER, 20 which is done before you turn it on because a 21 static electricity spark could cause it to deploy. 22 So I took that off, and then you turn it on 23 by flipping the safety lever. It has a safety 24 lever on the back of the upper rear of the TASER. 25 I flip that on, which then activates the light and</p>		<p>1 A I don't believe so. From where I'm -- when I 2 looked at the video, it looked like he turned his 3 head towards me and that's when he said "TASER 4 him." And then I stepped up -- I had to work in 5 between Deputy Blanton and put it on his shoulder. 6 And I think he was probably warned to relax again, 7 and then the TASER was applied at that time.</p> <p>8 Q Did Sergeant Hendrickson have to tell you a second 9 time to TASE him or --</p> <p>10 A He did not.</p> <p>11 Q Who did you view to be in charge of the situation 12 at the time that Sergeant Hendrickson told you to 13 deploy the TASER?</p> <p>14 A Sergeant Hendrickson.</p> <p>15 Q Did you agree with the instruction to deploy the 16 TASER?</p> <p>17 A Yes.</p> <p>18 Q Why?</p> <p>19 A He was actively resisting. He was preventing us 20 from taking the handcuffs off him. It's a safety 21 issue. We need to get the handcuffs off of him 22 because if we leave him, he could get hurt. He 23 has no way of catching himself. And so, you know, 24 in that respect -- plus he was extremely agitated 25 and angry, so that's why we felt it was necessary.</p>	
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<p>1 the laser light.</p> <p>2 Q Do you know whether Mr. Kingsley saw that you had 3 activated the TASER light?</p> <p>4 A I don't know if he did or not.</p> <p>5 Q Did you tell him that you had activated it?</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q Did anybody make any statements like, you know, 8 "We're going to TASE you" or "We're going to use 9 the TASER"?</p> <p>10 A I don't know if anybody did.</p> <p>11 Q By the time Sergeant Hendrickson told you to 12 deploy the TASER on Mr. Kingsley, had you already 13 put the TASER -- well, I'll back up with my 14 question again. You deployed the TASER on 15 Mr. Kingsley's right upper back; is that correct?</p> <p>16 A Yes, shoulder.</p> <p>17 Q You deployed a contact stun; is that correct?</p> <p>18 A Correct.</p> <p>19 Q In order to apply a contact stun, you must 20 physically place the weapon on the subject; 21 correct?</p> <p>22 A Correct.</p> <p>23 Q Had you placed the TASER on Mr. Kingsley's back 24 prior to the time that Sergeant Hendrickson told 25 you to deploy the TASER?</p>		<p>1 Q If you hadn't agreed with an instruction to deploy 2 the TASER, would you have done so?</p> <p>3 A Re-ask that, if you would, please.</p> <p>4 Q Yes. If you were in a situation similar to the 5 incident involved here and the individual who was 6 in charge of the incident told you to deploy the 7 TASER and if you found yourself in a situation 8 where you did not think it was appropriate to 9 deploy the TASER, would you still do it?</p> <p>10 A No.</p> <p>11 Q How would you handle that situation where you were 12 told to do something and you didn't think it was 13 appropriate to do it?</p> <p>14 A I'm not sure. I would probably say it's not a 15 good idea.</p> <p>16 Q Have you ever had a situation like that occur?</p> <p>17 A I may have. I don't remember specifically any 18 instances, but --</p> <p>19 Q Have you heard the term "resistive tension"?</p> <p>20 A I believe I have, yes.</p> <p>21 Q What does that mean?</p> <p>22 A That would be -- my feeling about it is it would 23 be the -- you can -- if I was to pull on your arm 24 where you would tighten up or pull against me, 25 that would be resistive tension in your arm.</p>	

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<p>1 Q Is resistive tension active resistance?</p> <p>2 A Not at that point in time, no.</p> <p>3 Q Did you see Mr. Kingsley at any time in the receiving cell attempt to bite anyone?</p> <p>4 A No.</p> <p>5 Q Did you see any situation where Sergeant Hendrickson attempted to secure Mr. Kingsley's head or upper body?</p> <p>6 A What do you mean by "secure"?</p> <p>7 Q Do some sort of a stabilizing move or some sort of a compliance hold or move.</p> <p>8 A The reason why I ask is because I used the term "secure" in my report. And my meaning of "secure" means the area they were in charge of, dealing with, as far as securing. I know Sergeant Hendrickson was trying to control his head and upper shoulders area. I believe he had -- at one point I remember seeing Mr. Kingsley's head moving around; and then after that, I believe Sergeant Hendrickson had put his leg up. It would have been the front of his shin area across his shoulder and back.</p> <p>9 Q Just so it's clear, Sergeant Hendrickson put his shin area across the back of Mr. Kingsley's head or shoulder?</p>		<p>1 had not seen it?</p> <p>2 A I don't know.</p> <p>3 Q Did you hear anyone say "TASE his ass"?</p> <p>4 A No.</p> <p>5 Q Do you know whether anyone said "TASE his ass"?</p> <p>6 A I didn't hear anybody say "TASE his ass."</p> <p>7 Q Why did you use a contact stun as opposed to using probes?</p> <p>8 A I need you to clarify that one a little bit. As far as when you say "use probes," do you mean the standard methodology of using what would be a probe shot on a person?</p> <p>9 Q Yes.</p> <p>10 A Space. There was no room for it. The area would not have allowed for me to put the laser dot on Mr. Kingsley's back on where it would have got any spread to perform any muscular disruption. So that's the reason I took the cartridge off and used it for compliance rather than as far as electromuscular disruption.</p> <p>11 Q At the time the TASER was deployed, do you believe there would have been any other measures that could have been used instead of a TASER to obtain the desired result?</p> <p>12 A No.</p>	
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<p>1 A Yes. His head would have been turned and -- so he would have -- I'm trying to think of the best way to demonstrate.</p> <p>2 Q You can just try to describe it.</p> <p>3 A As Mr. Kingsley's laying there on his stomach and his head's turned this way (indicating) --</p> <p>4 Q When you say his head's turned "this way," would that be to Mr. Kingsley's left?</p> <p>5 A Yes. And so then Sergeant Hendrickson's leg would have been up across the side of his face here, and the knee would have been pretty much between the shoulder blades, maybe a little bit more --</p> <p>6 Q So when you --</p> <p>7 MR. JONES: I'm sorry. I'm not sure he was done talking at this point. Were you finished with your answer?</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: I think so.</p> <p>9 Q When you say that Sergeant Hendrickson put his leg to this side of Kingsley's face or head, you were pointing to the left; is that correct?</p> <p>10 A Yes.</p> <p>11 Q Did you see Sergeant Hendrickson strike Mr. Kingsley at any point?</p> <p>12 A No.</p> <p>13 Q Could Sergeant Hendrickson have done so and you</p>		<p>1 Q Could some sort of a compliance hold on the back of Mr. Kingsley's head or in the head area have been used?</p> <p>2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q Why not?</p> <p>4 A What? What would have been used? That's the -- I mean, there's no pressure point.</p> <p>5 Q Could a pressure point, for example, have been used?</p> <p>6 A Potentially, but --</p> <p>7 Q Would -- go ahead.</p> <p>8 A But I don't have -- would it have worked? I don't know. I don't have to go through and use every single tool that I'm trained to do before I decide to go to another option.</p> <p>9 Q Okay.</p> <p>10 A We couldn't use pepper spray in there because we'd have all been pepper sprayed. The contamination would have been horrendous in there. We'd have been dealing with another issue, not only trying to get him out of the handcuffs but, you know, the pepper spray contamination as well.</p> <p>11 The compliance holds just would not have been effective and, in turn, discovered any more effective than using the compliance method of the</p>	

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1 TASER and the dry stun.		1 to bite at somebody or anything like that.	
2 Q I just want to make sure I understand. Why do you		2 Q So are there any other alternatives that could	
3 believe a compliance hold, for example, with a		3 have been used at that time, other than deploying	
4 pressure point, would not have been effective?		4 a TASER?	
5 A Based on the knowledge that I have from using the		5 A I don't feel there was.	
6 TASER on it.		6 Q So basically the TASER was the only thing that	
7 Q Okay.		7 could be utilized at that point?	
8 A It's -- I guess it's an after-the-fact knowledge,		8 A Yes.	
9 but --		9 Q What about just walking away and leaving him in	
10 Q Sure. Try not to look at it as an after-the-fact		10 handcuffs?	
11 matter, but try to look at it in terms of you're		11 A Well, that ended up being the end result and what	
12 there at the time. You're trying to decide what		12 we ended up doing. That's not a -- not a standard	
13 to do. Would trying a pressure point technique		13 protocol type of situation. He stands up. If	
14 have been an option?		14 he's got handcuffs behind his back and he falls,	
15 A I don't believe so.		15 he can't catch himself. It becomes a safety issue	
16 Q Why?		16 for him, which I would see as more of an issue	
17 A Because prior to Sergeant Hendrickson having to		17 than doing what we were doing, trying to get the	
18 put his knee across Mr. Kingsley's head and onto		18 handcuffs off of him.	
19 his shoulder, he was moving his head around.		19 Q After you deployed the TASER, what happened?	
20 Q Okay.		20 A Explain what you mean. At the time when I was --	
21 A That requires a somewhat -- it requires us to		21 when I activated it, or do you mean after that?	
22 provide a stable platform to do that.		22 Q After it was deployed. What effect did deploying	
23 Q Had Sergeant Hendrickson controlled or stabilized		23 the TASER on Mr. Kingsley have? I'll ask that	
24 his head?		24 question instead.	
25 A I don't know.		25 A He groaned loudly and continued to be resistive in	
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1 Q If you don't know whether Sergeant Hendrickson had		1 pulling against the handcuffs.	
2 stabilized his head, how can you say that his head		2 Q Then what happened?	
3 wasn't stabilized enough to do a compliance hold		3 A Then shortly after that, Lieutenant Conroy told	
4 or a pressure point of some kind?		4 everybody, "We're just going to leave him and come	
5 A What I mean is when -- with Sergeant Hendrickson		5 back and deal with it later."	
6 being where his leg was placed on his head, they		6 Q Would it be your view that in this instance the	
7 would have covered up the areas where the pressure		7 TASER was not effective?	
8 points would have been used. And once he -- so he		8 A I would say that.	
9 would have had to move to come off of it to do it,		9 Q After Lieutenant Conroy said "We're going to deal	
10 which would not allowed him to have control of the		10 with this later," you and the other deputies	
11 head.		11 exited the receiving cell; correct?	
12 Q Was there a means to maintain stabilization of his		12 A Correct.	
13 head in order to prepare it for some sort of a		13 Q Where did you go after you exited the receiving	
14 pressure point or compliance hold?		14 cell? Well, I know you went into the hallway	
15 A Re-ask that, please.		15 outside the receiving cell.	
16 MR. PARDON: Can you read it,		16 A What did I do after that?	
17 please?		17 Q Yes.	
18 (Question read)		18 A I went downstairs and wrote my report on the	
19 A Not without taking -- with Sergeant Hendrickson's		19 matter.	
20 leg being on there, that's the only way his head		20 Q Did you have any discussion or did you overhear	
21 was going to stay stable in one position. He		21 any discussion among the other deputies and jail	
22 wasn't going to move it around and --		22 staff about the use of the TASER?	
23 Q Okay.		23 A No.	
24 A -- you know, if his leg was off of it, he would		24 Q Did Lieutenant Conroy ask you why the TASER was	
25 have been free to move around and potentially try		25 deployed?	

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<p>1 A I don't remember him asking me that at all.</p> <p>2 Q Did you hear Sergeant Hendrickson make any</p> <p>3 statements with respect to why the TASER was</p> <p>4 deployed?</p> <p>5 A No.</p> <p>6 Q Did you hear Sergeant Hendrickson make any</p> <p>7 statements regarding his belief that Kingsley had</p> <p>8 attempted or might have attempted to bite him?</p> <p>9 A No.</p> <p>10 MR. PARDON: Let's take a short</p> <p>11 break, maybe five, ten minutes.</p> <p>12 (Recess)</p> <p>13 (Exhibit No. 48 marked</p> <p>14 for identification)</p> <p>15 MR. PARDON: We're back on the</p> <p>16 record.</p> <p>17 Q Deputy Degner, you've been handed what's been</p> <p>18 marked as Deposition Exhibit 48. It's got the</p> <p>19 production numbers of Monroe 649 through 652 on</p> <p>20 it. Could you identify this document?</p> <p>21 A Mine has through 651.</p> <p>22 Q You're correct. It should be through 651. I</p> <p>23 apologize. Just for the record, again,</p> <p>24 Deposition Exhibit 48 is Monroe 649 through</p> <p>25 Monroe 651. Go ahead.</p>		<p>1 Q Then it says it was edited several days later on</p> <p>2 May 26. Do you see that?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q Did you talk to anybody between the time you first</p> <p>5 wrote it and when you edited it about the incident</p> <p>6 in question?</p> <p>7 A No.</p> <p>8 Q That's fine. I don't have any other questions</p> <p>9 about your report at this time. Actually, I do</p> <p>10 because I thought of a question I was going to</p> <p>11 ask. Referring to the second full paragraph on</p> <p>12 page 649, and I'm going to also refer you to a</p> <p>13 section about six lines down into the paragraph</p> <p>14 where the sentence says, "He was then carried into</p> <p>15 the receiving cell." Do you see that?</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q "And placed face down on the concrete slab"?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q And then there are some further statements. I'm</p> <p>20 going to refer you to the statement that says,</p> <p>21 "Deputy Blanton attempted to remove the handcuffs</p> <p>22 from Kingsley, comma, but Kingsley began to growl</p> <p>23 and pull against the handcuffs making it so they</p> <p>24 could not be removed." Do you see that?</p> <p>25 A Yes.</p>	
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<p>1 A This would be a copy of my incident report from</p> <p>2 May 21, 2010.</p> <p>3 Q This is the incident in question that we've been</p> <p>4 talking about; correct?</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 Q Did you write any other reports related to this</p> <p>7 incident?</p> <p>8 A Yes, I did.</p> <p>9 Q What --</p> <p>10 A The TASER supervisor report.</p> <p>11 Q Other than the TASER supervisor report and this</p> <p>12 particular incident report that's Exhibit 48, did</p> <p>13 you write any other reports related to this</p> <p>14 incident?</p> <p>15 A No, I did not.</p> <p>16 Q Did you talk to anybody before you wrote this</p> <p>17 report?</p> <p>18 A No.</p> <p>19 Q Did you read anybody else's report of the incident</p> <p>20 before you wrote this report?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 Q You note that the report was first entered on</p> <p>23 the 21st, made at 7:24 a.m. on the top line. Do</p> <p>24 you see that on the first page?</p> <p>25 A Yes.</p>		<p>1 Q Do you know whether the handcuffs were</p> <p>2 doublelocked at that point?</p> <p>3 A I do not.</p> <p>4 Q Do you know whether they should have been</p> <p>5 doublelocked at that point?</p> <p>6 MR. JONES: Objection to the form.</p> <p>7 You can answer.</p> <p>8 A In a perfect world, yes, they should have been.</p> <p>9 Q Why does one doublelock handcuffs in a perfect</p> <p>10 world?</p> <p>11 A To prevent them from tightening down on whoever's</p> <p>12 being restrained so they don't injure them</p> <p>13 further.</p> <p>14 Q What circumstances would cause one to not</p> <p>15 doublelock them?</p> <p>16 A On a resistive subject where -- usually where that</p> <p>17 happens is if somebody is resisting and you don't</p> <p>18 get the handcuffs -- one handcuff might go on this</p> <p>19 way (indicating), but the other one went on a</p> <p>20 different way so they're flipped and such. So</p> <p>21 normally under circumstances where they would be</p> <p>22 locked and removed at a later time, the</p> <p>23 circumstances would dictate as to whether or not</p> <p>24 they got locked or not.</p> <p>25 Q Is it only the orientation of the hands that would</p>	

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<p>1 dictate whether -- the wrists that would dictate 2 whether the cuffs should or should not be 3 doublelocked?</p> <p>4 A No, the situation itself is what dictates that.</p> <p>5 Q So the actual situation when the cuffs are placed 6 on?</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q In this case, the cuffs were placed on 9 Mr. Kingsley when he was still in his jail cell; 10 correct?</p> <p>11 A Correct.</p> <p>12 Q I think you said you didn't actually see the 13 actual placement at the time?</p> <p>14 A No.</p> <p>15 Q Could the cuffs have been doublelocked at any 16 point after that?</p> <p>17 A What do you mean?</p> <p>18 Q Well, for example, you testified that Mr. Kingsley 19 was brought out of his original cell --</p> <p>20 A Correct.</p> <p>21 Q -- and into the hallway outside of the cell. And 22 then he was then carried to receiving?</p> <p>23 A Right.</p> <p>24 Q During that process, if he was not actively 25 resisting, could somebody have doublelocked his</p>		<p>1 some of the recordings of the incident in this 2 case.</p> <p>3 The first file I'm going to open is a copy of 4 Deposition Exhibit 12. It's also known to be 5 Exhibit A to the supplement of the declaration of 6 Lisa Josvai.</p> <p>7 So I'm going to open some of the files on 8 this exhibit. I'm going to first open a file that 9 is marked "Kingsley S2." And before I do so, let 10 me just ask you: Do you recall viewing a video or 11 audio file labeled "Kingsley S2"?</p> <p>12 A No.</p> <p>13 Q I've now opened the file, and I'll note that 14 there's a time and date stamp in the lower left. 15 It's dated May 21, 2010. The time is 6:32:49. 16 And I'm just going to play a little bit of this, 17 and I'm going to ask if you recognize having 18 viewed this file previously.</p> <p>19 A Okay.</p> <p>20 (Video played)</p> <p>21 Q So I'm going to move it forward, and then it's 22 playing. And there's no audio to this file. 23 We're now at about 6:34:03. Do you recognize 24 this?</p> <p>25 A Yes, I do.</p>	
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<p>1 handcuffs then? Would that have been an 2 opportunity for somebody to doublelock the 3 handcuffs if they had not been doublelocked 4 originally?</p> <p>5 A I would say yes.</p> <p>6 Q If they had not been doublelocked originally, 7 would you say that they then should have been 8 doublelocked at the first reasonable opportunity?</p> <p>9 MR. JONES: Objection to the form.</p> <p>10 You can answer.</p> <p>11 A Ask it again, please.</p> <p>12 Q Yes. If Mr. Kingsley's cuffs had not been 13 doublelocked when they were originally put on, 14 would it have been an appropriate practice to 15 doublelock them at the first available opportunity 16 when it would be, perhaps, safer to do so?</p> <p>17 A Yes.</p> <p>18 Q At the time when Mr. Kingsley was in the hallway 19 would be one such opportunity potentially?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q Now you can place 48 aside. I'm going to now -- 22 I've got my computer hooked up to a projector and 23 a screen on the wall here. I'm going to show you 24 portions of exhibits that have been previously 25 marked, and those are audio and visual files from</p>		<p>1 Q Have you viewed this file?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q What is this?</p> <p>4 A This is the walkway in the cell block past all the 5 cells there.</p> <p>6 Q Have you viewed this file in relation to the 7 incident in question in this case?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q I'm going to play a little bit more.</p> <p>10 (Video played)</p> <p>11 Q We're now at 6:34:15. Do you recognize what this 12 is?</p> <p>13 A It's still the same cell block, and there's 14 somebody coming down the hallway.</p> <p>15 Q Do you recognize if this file contains footage of 16 jail staff removing Mr. Kingsley from his cell and 17 carrying him down the hall?</p> <p>18 A Yes, if this is -- later on into it, that's where 19 it gets to it.</p> <p>20 Q I'm not going to ask any other questions about 21 this right now; okay?</p> <p>22 A Okay.</p> <p>23 Q I'm going to play one entitled "Kingsley Main 24 Hall," and I'll ask you -- this one, I think, is 25 an audio only file. Did you listen to any audio</p>	

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<p>1 files in this case?</p> <p>2 A I did not.</p> <p>3 Q I'm not going to ask you about it then.</p> <p>4 A There was a video that said "Main hall," though.</p> <p>5 Q Well, we'll play it.</p> <p>6 (Audio played)</p> <p>7 Q So the file is being played. Is there anything on the screen for you to view?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>10 Q Do you hear the audio being played?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q Do you recognize any of this?</p> <p>13 A No.</p> <p>14 Q I'm going to continue to play it and have you listen.</p> <p>16 (Audio played)</p> <p>17 Q All right. I'm going to stop the audio on what has been marked on the file as one minute and 14 seconds. And shortly before that for perhaps five to ten seconds, did you hear some questioning about a foot?</p> <p>22 A I think that's what it said.</p> <p>23 Q Do you recognize this file or the sound in this file as having anything in relation to the incident where Mr. Kingsley was removed from his</p>		<p>1 cell and where Mr. Kingsley was carried into the cell and placed onto the bed there.</p> <p>3 Q That's also audio associated with this file as you've heard in this deposition; is that correct?</p> <p>5 A I've never heard the audio from this.</p> <p>6 Q Did you review this video clip at any time prior to the initiation of this lawsuit?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q Is the only time you've reviewed this video clip in connection with preparing for a deposition?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q Did you review this prior to filing any sort of declaration in the case?</p> <p>14 A No.</p> <p>15 Q When do you recall approximately the first time viewing this video clip?</p> <p>17 A About 9:00 this morning.</p> <p>18 Q What I'm going to do then is I'm going to back it up to the beginning, and I'm going to play it again. I will stop it periodically and ask you questions about events and note the time on it.</p> <p>22 A Okay.</p> <p>23 Q If you feel you need to see it again before you answer the question or look at it further ahead, by all means, ask.</p>	
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<p>1 cell?</p> <p>2 A I would presume so, but I've never heard it before. So I don't -- I don't know.</p> <p>4 Q I'm not going to ask you anything more about it then. I'm going to now open a file that has been on an exhibit previously marked as Deposition Exhibit 13, and it's also noted to be Exhibit A to the Sewell declaration. There's a file in this exhibit that is labeled "Kingsley 5/21/2010." Do you recall viewing a file labeled "Kingsley 5/21/2010"?</p> <p>12 A No, I don't.</p> <p>13 Q I'll open it and play it. If you recognize it after we begin playing it, just let me know.</p> <p>15 (Video played)</p> <p>16 A Yes, I do.</p> <p>17 Q Okay. I'm going to stop it at 5/21/2010 at 6:44:18. I played it from the beginning to that point. Do you recognize this file?</p> <p>20 A Yes, I do.</p> <p>21 Q Have you reviewed this file before?</p> <p>22 A Yes, I have.</p> <p>23 Q What is this? Generally speaking, what's on this file?</p> <p>25 A This would be the camera view of the receiving</p>		<p>1 A Okay.</p> <p>2 Q All right? So we're beginning at 5/21/2010, 6:44:04. I'll begin playing the file.</p> <p>4 (Video played)</p> <p>5 Q Okay. I've stopped the file at 6:44:36. Could you identify the individuals that are here at this time?</p> <p>8 A Starting at the lower left, it would be Sergeant Shisler, next would be Deputy Blanton, and the upper left would be Sergeant Hendrickson and then upper right would be myself.</p> <p>12 Q I'll continue now playing from 6:44:36.</p> <p>13 (Video played)</p> <p>14 Q Okay. Now, I've let it play through to 6:45:48, and you've been watching. Have you deployed the TASER by this time?</p> <p>17 A I just did at that point.</p> <p>18 Q Shortly before 6:45:48; correct?</p> <p>19 A Correct.</p> <p>20 Q I'm going to back it up now. I thought as we were playing it, it would be better for you to see a larger portion of it in context. So I'm going to back up and ask you questions about certain parts of it; okay?</p> <p>25 A Okay.</p>	

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<p>1 Q So I'm starting it at 6:44:22. I'm moving forward 2 again from there. Now, I've stopped it at 3 6:44:29. During the segment I played, did you 4 observe any passive or active resistance on 5 Mr. Kingsley's part?</p> <p>6 A Can you replay it, please?</p> <p>7 Q Sure. I'll start again at 6:44:22.</p> <p>8 MR. PARDON: Could you tell me what 9 segment I played?</p> <p>10 (Question read)</p> <p>11 Q I'm playing the beginning at 6:44:22.</p> <p>12 (Video played)</p> <p>13 Q Did you observe any active or passive resistance 14 at that point?</p> <p>15 A I saw him squirming around there.</p> <p>16 Q I should have asked, at this point you're not in 17 the picture; correct?</p> <p>18 A No, I'm not.</p> <p>19 Q Where were you?</p> <p>20 A Where Sergeant Shisler is there at the lower left 21 of the screen, there's a wall there. I'm outside 22 and around the corner of that.</p> <p>23 Q I'll go forward then. I'm going to go forward 24 from this point. I'd like you to tell me where 25 you observe any active resistance on</p>		<p>1 (Video played)</p> <p>2 A Stop.</p> <p>3 Q You've asked me to stop it at 6:44:51. What did 4 you observe?</p> <p>5 A Just prior to that, there's a point where you can 6 see him arch back with his head.</p> <p>7 Q "Him" being Mr. Kingsley?</p> <p>8 A Mr. Kingsley.</p> <p>9 Q I'll play that again, and you tell me what second 10 you see that at.</p> <p>11 MR. PARDON: Go ahead.</p> <p>12 MR. JONES: I don't know if this 13 will be true as you start to play it; but 14 there's a date and time stamp, and then 15 there's also a running indicator of where we 16 are in the video segment itself.</p> <p>17 MR. PARDON: I'm referring to the 18 date and time stamp.</p> <p>19 MR. JONES: I know, but they're 20 over each other --</p> <p>21 MR. PARDON: Let's go off the 22 record for a second.</p> <p>23 (Discussion held off the record)</p> <p>24 (Question read)</p> <p>25 Q I'm going to start playing at 8:44:43 [sic], and</p>	
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<p>1 Mr. Kingsley's part. Tell me to stop it; all 2 right?</p> <p>3 A Okay.</p> <p>4 Q If you're also able to, I'd like you to tell me at 5 what point Sergeant Hendrickson tells you to 6 deploy the TASER. Can you do both of those things 7 at the same time, or should I ask you those 8 separately?</p> <p>9 A Let's do them separately.</p> <p>10 Q Start out with pointing out active resistance on 11 Mr. Kingsley's part. We'll start with 6:44:29.</p> <p>12 (Video played)</p> <p>13 A Right there.</p> <p>14 Q I'm sorry. I stopped it a second after you did. 15 I stopped it at 6:44:38. What did you observe?</p> <p>16 A It's not so much what I observed. I'm going by 17 what basically what I heard. We were telling him 18 to do something with his foot; and he wasn't 19 apparently doing it, and it caused him to have to 20 raise his voice.</p> <p>21 Q So that you would clarify as active resistance?</p> <p>22 A I would.</p> <p>23 Q You were in the cell at that point in time?</p> <p>24 A Just coming in.</p> <p>25 Q Again, I'm moving forward now from 6:44:38.</p>		<p>1 you tell me at what point you're referring to when 2 you say the head is arching back.</p> <p>3 MR. JONES: You mean 6:44:43?</p> <p>4 MR. PARDON: I do. Thank you.</p> <p>5 (Video played)</p> <p>6 A It looked like it was 49.</p> <p>7 Q So 6:44:49 approximately; correct?</p> <p>8 A Within a second, yes. I'm trying to watch the 9 clock and watch --</p> <p>10 Q I understand. I understand. I'll continue it, 11 and you point out any instances of active 12 resistance you see; okay? I'll get the pointer 13 out of the way as quick as I can.</p> <p>14 (Video played)</p> <p>15 A I think through this whole segment he's --</p> <p>16 Q I've stopped it now because you've said something 17 at 6:45:17. Go ahead.</p> <p>18 A Through the segment he's squirming. I'm not sure 19 if this is where Deputy Blanton was trying to 20 remove the handcuffs from him at this point in 21 time; but obviously where I'm at, I'm not looking 22 at him specifically. So -- not that I can see him 23 all that well to begin with.</p> <p>24 Q You can't see him all that well to begin with; but 25 throughout the segment, you believe he may be</p>	

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<p>1 actively resisting because of the statements that 2 the deputies are making?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q But you can't see that yourself?</p> <p>5 A No.</p> <p>6 Q Continuing on then from 6:45:17. I'll begin to 7 play it again. 8 (Video played)</p> <p>9 A Stop.</p> <p>10 Q You asked me to stop, and I did it within one or 11 two seconds at 6:45:37.</p> <p>12 A Obviously from the video you can't see what it 13 was, but once Sergeant Hendrickson moved and 14 Deputy Blanton moved and when I came in to put the 15 TASER on him at that point in time, there I could 16 physically see him struggling and moving his torso 17 about. And that's where I could see where he was 18 pulling against the handcuffs.</p> <p>19 Q So he was moving his torso about at this time?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q Despite the fact that Sergeant Hendrickson had, 22 what looks like, his shin or his knee on him?</p> <p>23 A Yes.</p> <p>24 Q I'll continue now at 6:45:37. 25 (Video played)</p>		<p>1 A I thought the sound was pretty distinctive from 2 the other video I saw that did have sound with it.</p> <p>3 Q Let me continue it from 6:45:48, and you can tell 4 me whether it helps you to determine whether 5 you've deployed the TASER by this time.</p> <p>6 A Okay. 7 (Video played)</p> <p>8 A Stop.</p> <p>9 Q You've asked me to stop. It's now at 6:46:10.</p> <p>10 You asked me to stop at about 6:46:08. Go ahead.</p> <p>11 A At this point in time when I had my left hand down 12 by my side and I brought it up, what I did is I 13 put it on his back. So at this point in time -- 14 as far as, again, you can't see it on the video 15 because you can't see because of all of us, but he 16 was, again, squirming and moving. He can't move a 17 lot, but he's still -- still moving the shoulder 18 area.</p> <p>19 And that's where he's still pulling on the -- 20 because I could feel the muscles in his back 21 arching and -- arching is not the word I'm looking 22 for -- flexing where he's trying to pull his hands 23 apart in opposite directions.</p> <p>24 Q As of this point, do you know whether you have 25 deployed the TASER?</p>	
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<p>1 Q Okay. I've stopped it at 6:45:48. Does it appear 2 that you deployed the TASER at 6:45:48?</p> <p>3 A I think I may be incorrect with the deployment of 4 the TASER. I thought -- you could hear him growl 5 before and then he growled again and made some 6 other noise with it. I guess I would have to see 7 the video in the entirety as to whether -- because 8 the copy of the version I saw did not have sound 9 with it.</p> <p>10 So the copy that I saw, the only way that I 11 could tell when the TASER was deployed was from 12 the sound it made; but it was the camera view from 13 out of the hallway there, not this view.</p> <p>14 Q So the copy that -- did you see this view?</p> <p>15 A I've seen this video with this view without sound.</p> <p>16 Q I see.</p> <p>17 A I've never heard the sound sequence for this. The 18 only way I've heard the sound sequence is from the 19 camera that is in the hallway area of the 20 receiving cells and what sound is emanating out of 21 the cell.</p> <p>22 Q I see. Okay. I understand. So you're not sure 23 whether you've deployed the TASER at this point?</p> <p>24 A No.</p> <p>25 Q Let me continue it for a little bit, and then --</p>		<p>1 A Not, I have not.</p> <p>2 Q We'll continue on from 6:46:10.</p> <p>3 MR. PARDON: One second. I'm going 4 to go off the record for a second.</p> <p>5 MR. JONES: They're filling an ice 6 bucket.</p> <p>7 (Discussion held off the record)</p> <p>8 Q Let's try to go ahead from 6:46:10. 9 (Video played)</p> <p>10 A Stop.</p> <p>11 Q We've stopped it now at your request at 6:46:35.</p> <p>12 A Going back to the question you asked previously 13 where I thought I had deployed the TASER, we 14 didn't hear it in that sequence that we've played 15 since then, so I would say at that point in time 16 back when I originally thought I had used it was 17 when it was used. So --</p> <p>18 Q You're talking about several sequences ago, so I'm 19 going to go back to that timeframe. I will start 20 it at 6:45:41 because the previous sequence we're 21 talking about ended at 6:45:48. So I'm going to 22 play that. 23 (Video played)</p> <p>24 A Okay. Right there. Just prior to that.</p> <p>25 Q I've stopped it at 6:45:48, and you've indicated</p>	

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1 that -- what have you observed?		1 okay to deploy the TASER?	
2 A It's where Sergeant Hendrickson turned his head		2 A No, he was telling me to.	
3 towards me and said to TASE him. And then I		3 Q I'm going to back it up a little bit to 6:44:53,	
4 applied the TASER.		4 and I have a couple of other questions about some	
5 Q You may now have answered one of the questions I		5 of the events on there.	
6 asked earlier, which is: When did		6 (Video played)	
7 Sergeant Hendrickson tell you to deploy the TASER?		7 Q Okay. I've stopped the video at 6:45:32. Did you	
8 It sounds like it was practically immediately		8 observe that, in the few seconds before 6:45:32,	
9 before deploying the TASER?		9 you sort of moved your hand into the area and	
10 A Correct.		10 indicated that you were going to -- well, did you	
11 Q Again, just so we have a clear record, I'm going		11 see that you indicate -- I'm going to start over.	
12 to play this segment between 6:45:42 and 6:45:48,		12 It's getting late.	
13 and you tell me if you believe the TASER was		13 What were you doing in the seconds before	
14 deployed during that segment.		14 6:45:32?	
15 A All right.		15 A Standing there.	
16 (Video played)		16 Q Do you see that you have placed your hand between	
17 A There, at 46.		17 Sergeant Hendrickson and Deputy Blanton?	
18 Q It was at 6:45:46, you believe, that the TASER was		18 A Yes.	
19 deployed?		19 Q Why did you do that?	
20 A Yes.		20 A To place the TASER on Mr. Kingsley's shoulder.	
21 Q You indicated that Sergeant Hendrickson told you		21 Q Did Sergeant Hendrickson instruct you to place the	
22 to deploy the TASER immediately prior to that?		22 TASER on Kingsley's shoulder at that time?	
23 A You can hear him say it.		23 A I don't recall him telling me that or -- I think I	
24 Q Let's see if we can hear that. I'll start it at		24 did it on my own.	
25 6:45:42. Point to him or say "now," if you're		25 Q I guess that's my question, is: Did you do that	
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1 able to see him or when you hear it?		1 on your own?	
2 (Video played)		2 A I believe so.	
3 A You were too close to it. You have to back up		3 Q Do you know why you did that on your own?	
4 farther.		4 A Based on the -- how he was still actively	
5 Q Okay. We tried it once and weren't able to		5 resisting removing the handcuffs from him, I guess	
6 identify it. I'm going to back it up to 6:45:34		6 I was hoping that he might -- you know, he would	
7 and play it through, and you can identify it.		7 feel that on his shoulder and that he might comply	
8 Please identify it then, if you can.		8 with what they were telling him to do originally.	
9 (Video played)		9 Q Did you tell him that you had put the TASER on his	
10 A Just prior to that.		10 shoulder?	
11 Q When you say "just prior to that," you mean just		11 A I don't recall if I did or not.	
12 prior to pointing the TASER?		12 Q Did anybody tell him that?	
13 A 6:45:45, you can see Sergeant Hendrickson turn his		13 A I don't know.	
14 head and that's where he said "TASE him now" or		14 Q Do you recall anybody telling him that if he	
15 "TASE him."		15 didn't comply at this point a TASER would be	
16 Q Is that the only time that Sergeant Hendrickson		16 deployed on him?	
17 instructed you to deploy the TASER?		17 A I don't recall.	
18 A Yes.		18 Q Do you believe that you may have given the idea to	
19 Q Did you have any verbal communication or		19 Sergeant Hendrickson to deploy the TASER?	
20 non-verbal communication with him prior to that		20 MR. JONES: Object to the form.	
21 time when you were in the receiving cell and where		21 You can answer.	
22 he indicated that a TASER should be deployed?		22 A Re-ask it, please.	
23 A Not that I recall.		23 Q Do you believe that you may have given	
24 Q In your view, was Sergeant Hendrickson telling you		24 Sergeant Hendrickson the idea that the TASER	
25 to deploy the TASER or was he telling you it was		25 should be deployed?	

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<p>1 MR. JONES: Same objection.</p> <p>2 A No, I don't.</p> <p>3 Q Do you believe -- maybe I'll ask a better</p> <p>4 question. Do you believe that by inserting your</p> <p>5 arm in there and placing the TASER on</p> <p>6 Mr. Kingsley's shoulder that you may have provided</p> <p>7 the impetus for Sergeant Hendrickson to decide to</p> <p>8 use the TASER?</p> <p>9 MR. JONES: Same objection. You</p> <p>10 can answer.</p> <p>11 A I don't know.</p> <p>12 Q You didn't discuss using the TASER directly with</p> <p>13 Sergeant Hendrickson prior to that, did you?</p> <p>14 A No.</p> <p>15 Q I'm going to play it through for another half a</p> <p>16 minute or so. I may have some other questions.</p> <p>17 So we're going to start again at 6:45:32; okay?</p> <p>18 A Okay.</p> <p>19 (Video played)</p> <p>20 Q Okay. Now, I've stopped it at 6:46:15. For about</p> <p>21 eight to ten seconds prior to that, did you hear a</p> <p>22 voice saying, "All right. Here's the deal. We're</p> <p>23 going to leave him here"?</p> <p>24 A Yes.</p> <p>25 Q Do you know who that was?</p>		<p>1 Q Who was he talking to when he said that?</p> <p>2 Lieutenant Conroy?</p> <p>3 A I assume all of us.</p> <p>4 Q He was talking to the staff members?</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 Q All right. I'm going to continue to play it from</p> <p>7 6:46:15 continuing on from there.</p> <p>8 (Video played)</p> <p>9 Q All right. I've stopped it at 6:46:21. Did you</p> <p>10 hear Lieutenant Conroy say, at 6:46:18, "It's not</p> <p>11 a punishment"?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q Who was Lieutenant Conroy speaking to at that</p> <p>14 time?</p> <p>15 A I don't know. You'd have to replay it again.</p> <p>16 Q Do you recall him saying that, aside from this</p> <p>17 video and audio? Do you recall him saying "It's</p> <p>18 not a punishment"?</p> <p>19 A Are you referring to, like, when I wrote my</p> <p>20 report?</p> <p>21 Q No. I'm referring to the actual day in question.</p> <p>22 A No, I don't remember. I wasn't -- go ahead and</p> <p>23 finish.</p> <p>24 Q No, that was my question. So is the first time</p> <p>25 you have had the fact that he said "It's not a</p>	
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<p>1 A Lieutenant Conroy.</p> <p>2 Q Do you know why Lieutenant Conroy decided that the</p> <p>3 team should leave Mr. Kingsley without taking any</p> <p>4 further action?</p> <p>5 A No, I don't.</p> <p>6 Q All right. I'm going to continue playing it.</p> <p>7 (Video played)</p> <p>8 Q Okay. I've stopped it at 6:46:20. Did you hear</p> <p>9 Lieutenant Conroy say, "It's not a punishment"?</p> <p>10 A I would have to hear it again.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. I'll play it again. You know what? I'm</p> <p>12 going to retract that question. I'm going to play</p> <p>13 this again and ask you a different question. I'm</p> <p>14 going to start at 6:46:03.</p> <p>15 (Video played)</p> <p>16 Q You've heard -- I've now stopped it at 6:46:15.</p> <p>17 I've played a 12-second segment. You heard</p> <p>18 Lieutenant Conroy's voice for much of that;</p> <p>19 correct?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q Lieutenant Conroy was -- what was</p> <p>22 Lieutenant Conroy saying?</p> <p>23 A He was saying we're going to leave him and that if</p> <p>24 he wants the cuffs off, he can back up to the</p> <p>25 door.</p>		<p>1 punishment" called to your attention in connection</p> <p>2 with reviewing this video and audio right now?</p> <p>3 A Yes.</p> <p>4 Q Prior to reviewing this video and audio, do you</p> <p>5 recall him making that statement?</p> <p>6 A No, I don't.</p> <p>7 Q I'll play it again beginning with 6:46:13, and you</p> <p>8 tell me if you can tell who Lieutenant Conroy is</p> <p>9 talking to.</p> <p>10 (Video played)</p> <p>11 Q Okay. I've stopped it again at 6:46:21. My</p> <p>12 question is: Do you know who Lieutenant Conroy</p> <p>13 was talking to at 6:46:21 when he said "It's not a</p> <p>14 punishment"?</p> <p>15 A Based on the statement made prior to that, I would</p> <p>16 say it's to Mr. Kingsley.</p> <p>17 Q What statement did he make to Mr. Kingsley?</p> <p>18 A He told him to back up to the door to take the</p> <p>19 handcuffs off.</p> <p>20 Q That was immediately before he made the statement?</p> <p>21 I'll play it from 6:46:14. When he says the part</p> <p>22 about coming back to the door, I'd like you to</p> <p>23 stop it; okay?</p> <p>24 (Video played)</p> <p>25 A Right there.</p>	

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1 Q So I've stopped it at 6:46:17, and you've made 2 reference to Lieutenant Conroy saying basically 3 he'll take the handcuffs off when he backs up to 4 the door. Is Lieutenant Conroy talking to 5 Mr. Kingsley at that point or to --		1 preparing for this deposition. Did you, in 2 preparing for this deposition, read any 3 transcripts?	
6 A You'll have to go farther back there where you 7 went.		4 A No, I did not.	
8 Q Okay. I don't think we need to go that far back. 9 I'll go at 6:46:04, and I'll play the segment 10 through. And my question to you is: When 11 Lieutenant Conroy says something about backing up 12 to the door and removing handcuffs, who is he 13 talking to? All right? I'm playing it from 14 6:46:04. 15 (Video played)		5 Q Did you talk to anybody else who had been deposed 6 in this case about their depositions?	
16 Q Okay. I've stopped it at 6:46:22. Do you know 17 who Lieutenant Conroy was talking to when he 18 referred to removing the cuffs?		7 A No.	
19 A Then I believe -- in the context of where it is 20 now, he was speaking to us. We're going to leave 21 him there; and when he wants to have the cuffs 22 off, he'll back up to the door.		8 Q Are you aware of the testimony that any of the 9 other defendants or deponents in this case 10 provided in their deposition?	
23 Q His next statement then was, "It's not a 24 punishment"; correct?		11 A No, I'm not.	
25 A Correct.		12 Q Did you know Mr. Kingsley prior to the incident in 13 question in this lawsuit?	
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1 Q Who was he talking to when he said "It's not a 2 punishment"?		18 Q Do you know whether Mr. Kingsley had any 19 particular reputation among the staff in the jail?	
3 A I assume us because he didn't directly address 4 Mr. Kingsley.		20 A No, I don't.	
5 Q Do you know why he said that?		21 Q Do you know whether Mr. Kingsley had any 22 particular reputation in the community?	
6 A Because it's not. Leaving them in handcuffs is 7 not a punishment and it's not normal protocol.		23 A No.	
8 Q Could he be talking to the fact that you were not 9 going to continue efforts at restraining him 10 further or controlling him further because 11 TASE'ing him was not intended to be a punishment?		24 Q Are you aware of any previous disciplinary actions 25 involving Mr. Kingsley prior to the incident in	
12 MR. JONES: I'm going to object to 13 the form of the question. I'm not sure what 14 you're asking, and you're also asking him 15 what's in the lieutenant's mind. But you can 16 go ahead and answer.		Deposition of FRITZ DEGNER - 8/21/12	Page 76
17 MR. PARDON: Go ahead. 18 (Question read)		1 question?	
19 A I presume so.		2 A Within the jail?	
20 Q All right. I don't have any other questions about 21 this, so we can close this exhibit and turn on the 22 lights.		3 Q Yes.	
23 MR. PARDON: Thanks, Joel.		4 A No, I don't.	
24 Q I want to follow up with a couple of questions 25 that I meant to ask earlier when I asked you about		5 Q Are you aware of Mr. Kingsley's arrest and/or 6 conviction record prior to the incident in 7 question?	
12 MR. JONES: I'm going to object to 13 the form of the question. I'm not sure what 14 you're asking, and you're also asking him 15 what's in the lieutenant's mind. But you can 16 go ahead and answer.		8 A No.	
17 MR. PARDON: Go ahead. 18 (Question read)		9 Q Do you know why he was in jail?	
19 A I presume so.		10 A Not a clue.	
20 Q All right. I don't have any other questions about 21 this, so we can close this exhibit and turn on the 22 lights.		11 Q Do you know whether Mr. Kingsley was a difficult 12 person to deal with?	
23 MR. PARDON: Thanks, Joel.		13 A No, I don't. I have to ask a clarification. When 14 you asked about -- you asked something about 15 dealing with him prior to or something -- there 16 was an incident, and I don't know if it was prior 17 to this or if it was post this incident, where him 18 and another inmate were in the receiving cell area 19 and there was an issue dealing with them. They 20 were covering up the camera or the light or 21 something like that. But I don't know if it 22 was -- like I said, I don't know if it was prior 23 to this or post this.	
24 Q I want to follow up with a couple of questions 25 that I meant to ask earlier when I asked you about		24 Q Are you aware of whether Mr. Kingsley had a 25 reputation for being physically violent?	

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<p>1 A Not off the top of my head, no.</p> <p>2 Q You certainly did not know of any instances where</p> <p>3 he'd been physically violent prior to the incident</p> <p>4 in question?</p> <p>5 A No.</p> <p>6 Q Have you read any expert reports that have been</p> <p>7 filed in this case?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q Have you read a report by one individual named</p> <p>10 Brian Landers?</p> <p>11 A No.</p> <p>12 Q Do you know an individual named Brian Landers?</p> <p>13 A No.</p> <p>14 Q Have you read an expert report by an individual</p> <p>15 named John Peters?</p> <p>16 A No.</p> <p>17 Q Do you know of an individual named John Peters?</p> <p>18 A No, I don't.</p> <p>19 Q Do you know whether this particular incident in</p> <p>20 question received any sort of further review by</p> <p>21 the sheriff's department?</p> <p>22 A No.</p> <p>23 Q Have you ever been investigated for using</p> <p>24 excessive force?</p> <p>25 A No, I haven't.</p>	<p>1 Monroe 676, the fourth line up from the bottom, do</p> <p>2 you see there's a line that says "TASER use"?</p> <p>3 There's a box that says, "Success," and then</p> <p>4 there's a box that says, "Failure." Do you see</p> <p>5 that?</p> <p>6 A Yes.</p> <p>7 Q Neither one of the boxes is checked. Do you see</p> <p>8 that?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q Do you know why neither one of the boxes is</p> <p>11 checked?</p> <p>12 A Because I didn't know at the time whether to</p> <p>13 consider it a successful -- it was successful or</p> <p>14 not. The TASER performed successfully; however,</p> <p>15 as I said before, would I deem the use of --</p> <p>16 having used the TASER at that point in time a</p> <p>17 success, no. So I didn't know what the question</p> <p>18 was asking at the time.</p> <p>19 Q So you didn't know whether it meant literally did</p> <p>20 the gun physically deploy or was the use</p> <p>21 successful on the subject?</p> <p>22 A Correct.</p> <p>23 Q Are these reports that you fill out after using a</p> <p>24 TASER reviewed by anyone in the sheriff's</p> <p>25 department?</p>		
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<p>1 Q Have you ever been disciplined or recommended for</p> <p>2 discipline for using excessive force?</p> <p>3 A No, I have not.</p> <p>4 Q Have you ever been investigated for using or</p> <p>5 allegedly using a TASER inappropriately --</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q -- other than the instance we're talking about</p> <p>8 today?</p> <p>9 A No, I have not.</p> <p>10 (Exhibit No. 49 marked</p> <p>11 for identification)</p> <p>12 Q You have been handed what has been marked as</p> <p>13 Plaintiff's 49. It is a document with Bates stamp</p> <p>14 Monroe 675 through Monroe 678. Take a moment to</p> <p>15 review it; and after you've done so, if you're</p> <p>16 able to identify it, please do so.</p> <p>17 A This would appear to be a copy of the original</p> <p>18 TASER use report that I completed.</p> <p>19 Q That is in relation to the incident in question</p> <p>20 for this lawsuit; correct?</p> <p>21 A Yes, it is.</p> <p>22 Q Do you routinely fill out these reports after you</p> <p>23 deploy a TASER on someone?</p> <p>24 A Every single time.</p> <p>25 Q Turning your attention to the second page on</p>	<p>1 A They are supposed to go to our TASER instructors;</p> <p>2 and after re-reading our policy, I see that it's</p> <p>3 supposed to go to the lieutenant for review as</p> <p>4 well. Any -- every time that I've deployed it,</p> <p>5 I've completed one and leave a copy for the TASER</p> <p>6 instructors. I leave a copy for the sheriff and</p> <p>7 probably the lieutenant as well, but for sure I've</p> <p>8 always left one for the sheriff.</p> <p>9 Q Are you aware of the results of any of the review</p> <p>10 that may have been conducted into this particular</p> <p>11 incident?</p> <p>12 A No, I am not.</p> <p>13 Q Did you ever receive any feedback on the report</p> <p>14 that you filled out?</p> <p>15 A No, I did not.</p> <p>16 Q In using the TASER, did you employ some sort of</p> <p>17 procedure where you download information from the</p> <p>18 TASER after it's used?</p> <p>19 A I do not. I give the TASER to one of the</p> <p>20 instructors, and they download logs every time</p> <p>21 that the TASER -- the trigger has been pulled on</p> <p>22 the TASER.</p> <p>23 Q I guess you may have answered my next question.</p> <p>24 But what information can the instructors tell, if</p> <p>25 you know, after a download?</p>		

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<p>1 A It shows the date the TASER was activated, how 2 long it was activated for as far as -- I think 3 that's what's on the sheets.</p> <p>4 Q Do you know how long the TASER was activated for 5 in this instance with Mr. Kingsley?</p> <p>6 A I do not.</p> <p>7 Q Not with respect to the download information, but 8 do you know how long you deployed it for?</p> <p>9 A I don't know how long the actual time period of 10 the cycle -- I mean, the cycle's five seconds.</p> <p>11 Q Okay.</p> <p>12 A If I -- I know I pulled the trigger one time. 13 Whether the full five seconds, I don't know if I 14 did or not.</p> <p>15 Q Does it always go the full five seconds after it's 16 pulled?</p> <p>17 A As long as I don't turn it off or thumb down the 18 power switch.</p> <p>19 Q Why don't you describe how that works. So when 20 you deploy it, do you pull a trigger?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 Q And then do you hold the trigger down, or do you 23 release the trigger right away?</p> <p>24 A Well, you can do it both ways. But if you don't 25 release the trigger right away -- if you pull it,</p>		<p>1 on him since he was released from incarceration 2 last year, in the spring.</p> <p>3 Q Have you ever discussed the lawsuit with 4 Mr. Kingsley?</p> <p>5 A No, I have not.</p> <p>6 Q Have you ever been reprimanded?</p> <p>7 A Yes, I have.</p> <p>8 Q How many times?</p> <p>9 A In what respects, I guess, are you -- I've -- go 10 ahead.</p> <p>11 Q Well, what respects are there for being 12 reprimanded?</p> <p>13 A Well, I mean, a written or a suspension-type 14 situation. I've been suspended one time. That 15 was for -- I used a day of sick leave that night 16 and then as it was discovered, I had not 17 previously been aware of, I failed to apply for 18 outside employment. So that was a combination of 19 those two things that led to the one day of 20 suspension from that. Otherwise, I've had a 21 couple of -- I've been written up before.</p> <p>22 Q Let me just ask you briefly about the incident 23 that you had a one-day suspension. If I 24 understand what you're saying, you were teaching a 25 course somewhere else; correct?</p>	
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<p>1 release the trigger, it will go for five seconds 2 and it will quit.</p> <p>3 Q Okay.</p> <p>4 A If you hold the trigger back, it will continue to 5 go until you let go of the trigger. So it could 6 go beyond the five seconds.</p> <p>7 Q It could go beyond five seconds if you continue to 8 hold the trigger?</p> <p>9 A If you continue to hold the trigger.</p> <p>10 Q In this instance, just to be clear, what did you 11 do? Did you hold the trigger, or did you just 12 pull it?</p> <p>13 A I just pulled it one time and released it.</p> <p>14 Q It's your understanding it's supposed to stop 15 after five seconds if you do that?</p> <p>16 A Correct.</p> <p>17 Q Are you aware of a grievance Mr. Kingsley filled 18 out in relation to this incident?</p> <p>19 A No.</p> <p>20 Q Have you ever had any contact with Mr. Kingsley 21 since this incident, the incident in question 22 today?</p> <p>23 A Going back to the one with the -- whatever 24 incident was in the receiving cells there, that's 25 the only direct contact. I've taken a complaint</p>		<p>1 A Yes.</p> <p>2 Q Where was that?</p> <p>3 A Green Lake County.</p> <p>4 Q And you called in sick and you were not sick. Is 5 that what happened?</p> <p>6 A That's a matter of debate.</p> <p>7 Q Okay.</p> <p>8 A But --</p> <p>9 Q Why is it a matter of debate?</p> <p>10 A Because I felt that when I called in sick that I 11 was justified in using a sick day for that.</p> <p>12 Q Using a sick day -- why were you justified in 13 using a sick day, because you had an injury or 14 because you just felt like it was appropriate to 15 use a sick day for that?</p> <p>16 A Because I had an injury.</p> <p>17 Q What was your injury that you called in sick for? 18 MR. JONES: You can tell him 19 generally what the injury was. THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>21 A I had rotator cuff issues. And shoulders -- part 22 of the training, they were using me for 23 handcuffing, and they kept pulling my arms behind 24 my back and aggravated my right shoulder.</p> <p>25 Q You had an interview or there was an investigation</p>	

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<p>1 that resulted in you being suspended for one day?</p> <p>2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q Is it true that during the investigation you told</p> <p>4 the sheriff that you didn't call in because you</p> <p>5 didn't know you were scheduled as an instructor</p> <p>6 until you showed up at the training?</p> <p>7 A That would not be what I said.</p> <p>8 Q What did you say?</p> <p>9 MR. JONES: I'll object to the form</p> <p>10 of the question. What did he say to what?</p> <p>11 Q Do you understand the question?</p> <p>12 A No.</p> <p>13 Q Did you tell the sheriff during an investigation</p> <p>14 into the incident that you didn't call in sick</p> <p>15 until late in the day the day you called in sick</p> <p>16 because you didn't know you were scheduled to work</p> <p>17 as an instructor until you showed up at the</p> <p>18 training that day?</p> <p>19 A I don't recall ever saying that.</p> <p>20 (Exhibit No. 50 marked</p> <p>21 for identification)</p> <p>22 (Confidential portion begins)</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>		<p>1 point when you failed to respond to a subpoena to</p> <p>2 show up for a court date; is that correct?</p> <p>3 A That's correct.</p> <p>4 Q In fact, one of the lieutenants had to send a</p> <p>5 deputy to your house to find you; is that correct?</p> <p>6 A I was sleeping, yes.</p> <p>7 Q Have you ever been counseled about having</p> <p>8 excessive absences?</p> <p>9 A Excessive absences? No.</p> <p>10 Q From work?</p> <p>11 A No. I've had -- well, I'll rephrase that. What</p> <p>12 do you mean by "counseled about"? On performance</p> <p>13 evaluations --</p> <p>14 Q Yes, that's what I mean.</p> <p>15 A -- there have been -- that was the one thing that</p> <p>16 was repeatedly brought up since the performance</p> <p>17 evaluations were started within the agency.</p> <p>18 Q What specifically was repeatedly brought up?</p> <p>19 A About using sick leave.</p> <p>20 Q Was it particularly for using sick leave on</p> <p>21 surrounding weekends?</p> <p>22 A I don't remember if they were or not. It could</p> <p>23 very well be, but you also have to understand we</p> <p>24 work a four-day workweek. You have a 50/50 shot.</p> <p>25 It's either going to fall on your days off, or</p>	
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<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p> <p>6</p> <p>7</p> <p>8</p> <p>9</p> <p>10</p> <p>11</p> <p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20 (Confidential portion ends)</p> <p>21 Q Have you been reprimanded with respect to any</p> <p>22 other events or instances during your employment</p> <p>23 with Monroe County?</p> <p>24 A Well, I missed a court date one time.</p> <p>25 Q In fact, you received a written reprimand at one</p>		<p>1 it's going to fall on your weekend.</p> <p>2 Q Have you been trained in the use of a TASER?</p> <p>3 A Yes, I have.</p> <p>4 Q A couple of other follow-up questions. Have you</p> <p>5 ever had a civil judgment against you?</p> <p>6 A Yes.</p> <p>7 Q What was it?</p> <p>8 A It was for Gunderson Lutheran, healthcare. It was</p> <p>9 a combination, altogether thing, involving medical</p> <p>10 bills.</p> <p>11 Q Have you ever been arrested for a criminal</p> <p>12 offense?</p> <p>13 A No, I have not.</p> <p>14 Q Have you ever been arrested for writing checks for</p> <p>15 insufficient funds?</p> <p>16 A No, I have not.</p> <p>17 Q Have you ever been charged with writing checks for</p> <p>18 insufficient funds?</p> <p>19 A I was issued a citation for that.</p> <p>20 Q What's the difference between issued a citation</p> <p>21 and being arrested?</p> <p>22 A Arrested is a custodial matter. That would</p> <p>23 involve being brought to the jail and being booked</p> <p>24 in, potentially.</p> <p>25 Q So you were issued a citation for --</p>	

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<p>1 A I got a ticket in the mail.</p> <p>2 Q What happened with respect to that citation?</p> <p>3 A They were dismissed.</p> <p>4 Q Why was it dismissed?</p> <p>5 A The District Attorney's Office dismissed them.</p> <p>6 Q Do you know why the District Attorney's Office dismissed them?</p> <p>7 A They have a program, so I went through the program.</p> <p>10 Q What was the program?</p> <p>11 A I don't remember what it's called. It's something that the District Attorney's Office offers in regards to bad checks.</p> <p>14 Q Would you consider writing bad checks to be actions that involve dishonesty?</p> <p>16 A Yes.</p> <p>17 Q Did the incident where you received a citation involve dishonest actions on your part?</p> <p>19 A I didn't believe so.</p> <p>20 Q Why not?</p> <p>21 A The circumstances surrounding the situation.</p> <p>22 Q What about the circumstances surrounding the situation leads you to believe that the actions did not involve dishonesty?</p> <p>25 A It was a clerical error on our part, my wife's</p>		<p>1 other one, I received another notice from Piggly Wiggly, that said -- because there was actually about four or five checks that I had written. I took care of those right away with them as soon as I got paid. You know, I called them, made arrangements to take care of it. But the other two didn't -- it just didn't work out that way.</p> <p>9 Q What kind of a program did you have to participate in in order to have the citation dismissed?</p> <p>11 A It was -- I think it was -- the DA's Office gave me a packet of things that I had to go through and complete.</p> <p>14 Q Was it class work or --</p> <p>15 A Basically it was class work. It was part of a bad check program. You're talking five-plus years ago, and I don't recall everything that was within it.</p> <p>19 Q Other than the incident in question involving Mr. Kingsley, you've deployed a TASER on other occasions; is that correct?</p> <p>22 A Yes, I have.</p> <p>23 Q About how many times?</p> <p>24 A About ten times.</p> <p>25 Q Have you ever deployed, other than the incident</p>	
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<p>1 part and my part, in regards to our checkbook. What you don't understand about this and what wasn't taken into consideration was my wife worked over in Fond du Lac at Taycheedah. At the time, we were writing checks out of the same checkbook. She's gone for seven days at a time. We didn't reconcile the checkbook in that time period. And so where I thought I had funds available when I wrote the two checks that I wrote, it turned out there wasn't funds available because of the checks that she had written that had gone through.</p> <p>12 So the two places that I wrote the checks to, one was All American, one was a gas station. The gas station sent me a letter said, you know, "You have a check." I called them. I had made arrangements to pay it, and All American never contacted me. They sent it straight to our office at the time.</p> <p>19 And so when it happened, I was in total and utter shock. I thought I had made arrangements to take care of the thing because I had certainly not intended to write them a bad check. But when I came into pay it, they said, "We sent this to the District Attorney's Office."</p> <p>25 As far as the gas station one goes and the</p>		<p>1 involving Mr. Kingsley, a TASER on somebody who was in handcuffs?</p> <p>3 A Yes, I have.</p> <p>4 Q How many times?</p> <p>5 A At least twice.</p> <p>6 Q What was involved in those circumstances? You don't have to name the person, but generally the circumstances.</p> <p>9 A I don't remember the names anyways. The first one was a lady that was arrested at a scene. One of the other officers had handcuffed her and placed her in the backseat of my squad car. The next thing I know, she kicked the window out of my squad car and was halfway out of the car window at the time when I got pulled over.</p> <p>16 We wrestled her -- basically wrestled her to the ground. She had been able to slip one of the handcuffs off her hand and had a weapon in her hand with the loose handcuff. She was TASE'd with a dry stun in the same shoulder area Mr. Kingsley was.</p> <p>22 Q But at the time you TASE'd her, at least one of the cuffs was removed from her hand?</p> <p>24 A Yes.</p> <p>25 Q And she had shortly before kicked the glass out of</p>	

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1 your squad car window?		1 STATE OF WISCONSIN)	
2 A Yes.		2 COUNTY OF DANE) ss.	
3 Q Certainly with respect to the incident with		3 I, Rowan L. Bright, a Certified Realtime	
4 Mr. Kingsley, he had not gotten out of the		4 Reporter, Certified LiveNote Reporter, Registered	
5 handcuffs when he was TASE'd; correct?		5 Professional Reporter and Notary Public duly	
6 A No.		6 commissioned and qualified in and for the State of	
7 Q And he had not kicked the glass out of a squad car		7 Wisconsin, do hereby certify that pursuant to notice,	
8 window when he was TASE'd; correct?		8 there came before me on the 21st day of August, 2012,	
9 A No.		9 at 2:06 in the afternoon, at Best Western, 445	
10 Q What about the other incident that you remember?		10 Theater Road, the City of Sparta, County of Monroe,	
11 A I was transporting -- it was a domestic. I had to		11 and State of Wisconsin, the following named person,	
12 already fight with the suspect on it in the house.		12 to wit: FRITZ DEGNER, who was by me duly sworn to	
13 I got him in the car, put him in the seatbelt. He		13 testify to the truth and nothing but the truth of his	
14 got the seatbelt off, and he was trying to kick		14 knowledge touching and concerning the matters in	
15 out the window of the squad car. He was warned		15 controversy in this cause; that he was thereupon	
16 multiple times not to continue to try and kick the		16 carefully examined upon his oath and his examination	
17 car and damage the car, and he was TASE'd.		17 reduced to typewriting with computer-aided	
18 Q And he was in handcuffs when he was TASE'd?		18 transcription; that the deposition is a true record	
19 A Yes, he was. And that was appropriate for him.		19 of the testimony given by the witness; and that	
20 Q And that was appropriate for him?		20 reading and signing was waived.	
21 A Yes.		21 I further certify that I am neither attorney or	
22 Q Shortly before that, he had kicked the windows out		22 counsel for, nor related to or employed by any of the	
23 of the squad car?		23 parties to the action in which this deposition is	
24 A He didn't kick them out, but he was trying.		24 taken and further that I am not a relative or	
25 Q Do you know a former Deputy Manka, Nicholas Manka?		25 employee of any attorney or counsel employed by the	
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1 A Yes.		1 parties hereto or financially interested in the	
2 Q Do you know that he is no longer with the		2 action.	
3 sheriff's department?		3 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my	
4 A Yes, I do.		4 hand and affixed my notarial seal this 30th day of	
5 Q Do you know why he is not?		5 August, 2012.	
6 A I have not an idea.		6	
7 MR. PARDON: Why don't you give us		7	
8 five or ten minutes.		8 Certified Realtime Reporter,	
9 MR. JONES: Sure. As we go into a		9 Notary Public, State of Wisconsin	
10 break, Exhibit 50, I see was produced or		10 My commission expires	
11 marked as confidential, which means it was		11 November 21, 2015.	
12 produced pursuant to the protective order.		12	
13 So I'd ask that this exhibit be segregated as		13	
14 well. It wasn't very long, but the testimony		14	
15 relating to this exhibit, that that's		15	
16 segregated from the main transcript.		16	
17 MR. PARDON: That's fine.		17	
18 (Recess)		18	
19 MR. PARDON: We have no further		19	
20 questions for Deputy Degner.		20	
21 MR. JONES: I do not have any		21	
22 questions.		22	
23		23	
24 (Deposition adjourned at 4:52 p.m.)		24	
25		25	

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